Title: Mr. Speaker made observation regarding business transacted by the House during the previous week.

12.02 hrs.

OBSERVATION BY THE SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, for your information, I want to briefly recapitulate the main items of business transacted by the House during the previous week, that is, from 19th to 21st April, 2005.

Out of the 80 Starred Questions admitted, 08 were answered orally. Replies to the remaining Starred Questions along with the replies to 920 Unstarred Questions were laid on the Table.

During the period as many as 12 matters of urgent public importance were raised after the Question Hour. Also, 11 matters were raised under Rule 377.

The House spent three hours and forty minutes on the discussion and passing of the Demands for Grants (Railways) for 2005-2006; the Government Resolution moved by Shri Lalu Prasad, Minister of Railways, regarding rate of dividend payable by the Railway Undertaking to General Revenues; and the Appropriation (Railways) No.2, Bill, 2005. The House also devoted five hours thirty-seven minutes to the discussion on the Demands for Grants for 2005-2006 under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committees presented 38 Reports to the House.

Hon. Members, during the previous week we lost about eight hours of precious time due to interruptions and disorderly behaviour of some Members of the House.

I would, therefore, once again urge the leaders of all parties and each and every Member of the House to co-operate with the Chair in smoothly conducting the business.